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Honorable Pamela Pepper  
US. District Judge  
517 E. Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: *United States v. Yousef Barasneh*  
Case No. 20-CR-26

Dear Judge Pepper:

On November 12, 2020, the Court granted Yousef Barasneh's unopposed motion to adjourn the November 23 sentencing hearing. The Court then ordered the parties to file a joint status report by today that informs the Court of the parties' anticipated next steps. At that time, I informed the Court that the parties needed additional time as we continued to investigate and gather information relevant to this case. Yesterday, Assistant United States Attorney Ben Proctor and I spoke further about Mr. Barasneh's case. Based on that discussion and my subsequent conversation with Mr. Barasneh, I provide the Court with this joint status report.

The parties continue to need some additional time to continue working on several matters prior to sentencing. We believe we will be in a better position to provide an updated status or seek to re-schedule the sentencing hearing at a time close to the end of January, 2021. Mr. Barasneh also agrees with this approach.

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For these reasons, the parties respectfully ask the Court order the parties to again file a joint status report letting the Court know our next anticipated steps or if we need additional time.

Sincerely,

s/ John W. Champion  
John W. Champion

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